the power sector to encourage private sector participation, R&M of thermal and hydel power stations etc.

**Clearance to Power Projects in Kerala**

275. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given clearance to the pending power projects including Hydro-electrical in Kerala State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given permission for Hydro Electrical projects in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The following two projects have been given techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority:

| S. No. | Name of Project | Capacity | Date of TEC |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Adivappally HEP (KEB) | 2 × 80 MW | 22.4.96 |
| 2. | Vypeen CCGT (LNG) (M/s Siasin Energy Ltd.) | 679.2 MW | 25.9.98 |

In addition, a proposal by M/s Kannur Power Projects LTD. for Kannur CCGT (513 MW) is being processed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC).

**Impact of Sanctions by Developed Nations in Power Sector**

276. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power projects have been badly hit by the adverse impact of sanctions imposed by the developed nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof as assessed during the recent review of power sector;

(c) whether the financial institutions in power sector have formulated a contingency action plan for financing forthcoming projects toward off adverse impact of the sanctions; and

(d) if so, the details of action plan finalised for the current year and Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The committed external assistance for the power sector has not been affected by the sanctions imposed by the different donor countries. It is only the projects or fresh tranches of the existing projects which have been put on hold. Contingency plans have been drawn up by the Central Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power to deal with the situation.

(c) and (d) Negotiations for financial assistance is an ongoing exercise. Government has taken steps to ensure alternative sources of finance so that the momentum of investment in the power sector is not affected. Discussions are continuing with other lending institutions to identify and develop new projects for loan assistance in the future. The Power Finance Coropration (PFC) has mobilised Rs. 561 crores through domestic sources and Rs. 428 crores (US $ 100 million) through loan syndication during the current year.